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Welcome to the FEBRUARY 2003 edition of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. newsletter.

February 15 will mark the two-year anniversary of the launch of the Uncrowned Queens Web site. The love and support we have received from the Western New York community over these past two years has been tremendous. Each new biography brings us one step closer toward achieving our goal of 1901 African American women posted on the Uncrowned Queens Web site (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>). We encourage all of our readers to continue seeking out and nominating extraordinary women in your community. Biographies and photographs can be submitted via e-mail (uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com) or mailed to the Uncrowned Queens Institute, ATTN: Barbara Nevergold, 984 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14216.

===== UQ AND TOPS CELEBRATE 2ND ANNIVERSARY =====

February 15, 2003 marks the two-year anniversary of the Uncrowned Queens partnership with TOPS Friendly Markets and provides an opportunity to collaborate with TOPS to raise money to benefit the scholarship programs of The Links, Incorporated.

Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram, co-founders of the Uncrowned Queens Institute, will host book signings of their current publication, *Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders of Western New York*, at several TOPS markets in Buffalo and Rochester. Thanks to the generosity of TOPS, a portion of the proceeds from the sales of this book will be donated to the Buffalo, Erie County, Jamestown, Niagara Falls, Rochester and Syracuse Chapters of The Links, Incorporated. The Links, Incorporated chapters have awarded scholarships to hundreds of deserving youngsters to help them realize their dreams of a college education. The Uncrowned Queens Institute is proud to contribute to the work of these excellent organizations.

===== BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS =====

FEBRUARY 4: Live with Linda White, Channel 7, 4:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8: Book Signing for *Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York*. Meet authors Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold. This event will feature a display from The Links, Incorporated. WBLK also will be on-site with a live remote broadcast. TOPS Thruway Plaza. Noon - 2:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 10: Black Soul: the Legacy Continues. Black History month documentary with interviews featuring Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold. WNLO, Channel 4's sister station.

FEBRUARY 11: Live with Linda White. Members of The Links, Incorporated chapters will be interviewed. Channel 7 at 4:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12: Phil Rumore of the Buffalo Teacher's Federation will present 75 copies of the book Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York, Volume I to the Buffalo Schools. The presentation will take place at 5:30 pm during the Board of Education Meeting on the 8th floor in City Hall. The book authors, Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold will be on hand to make the presentation along with Phil.

FEBRUARY 12: Presentation by Barbara Seals Nevergold on Family History. First Shiloh Church at 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 15: Book Signing for Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York. Meet authors Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold. This event will feature a display from The Links, Incorporated. WBLK also will be on-site with a live remote broadcast. TOPS International on Maple Road from Noon - 2:00 p.m.

February 18: Uncrowned Queens will participate in the Renaming of the Niagara Falls Housing Authority Family Resource Center in honor of community activist and Uncrowned Queen, Doris Jones. Program begins at 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 19: Campus West Black History Program. Details Pending

FEBRUARY 22: Book Signing for Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York. Meet authors Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold. Hear radio interviews with Uncrowned Queens' co-founders and members of the Links organizations on WDKX. TOPS Upper Falls Store in Rochester, NY from Noon - 2:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 23: Uncrowned Queens Presentation as part of program entitled, "Modern Day Griots: African American Authors/Writers of WNY" St. John Baptist Church, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28 (tentative): Presentation of scholarship funds check to The Links, Incorporated by Tops and Uncrowned Queens.

===== UNCROWNED QUEENS IS HEADING TO THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA =====

After two years of intensive work, we are very pleased to announce that the Oklahoma Centennial Commission has designated the Uncrowned Queens project as an official Oklahoma Centennial Commemoration project. Uncrowned Queens has teamed with the Oklahoma Historical Society and Oklahoma City Urban

League to accomplish this vital project.

Officially entitled - Uncrowned Queens: Oklahoma's African American Women Community Builders 1907-2007, A Century of Accomplishment - this multifaceted centennial project is designed to celebrate a century of achievement and community service by African American women. The scope of this project is far reaching, as it will bring recognition to African American women throughout Oklahoma who have contributed to their communities and the state. According to J. Blake Wade, Executive Director, Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission, "...this project will reach out to communities of all sizes and will create archives that will be invaluable to students, scholars, and the public."

===== HELP UNCROWNED QUEENS HOOK-UP WITH OPRAH WINFREY =====

The Oprah Winfrey Show is one of the most important media by which the country and indeed the world can discover a special project. Over the past seventeen years, Oprah has helped to bring many worthy projects to the attention of her vast audience. She seemed to bubble with pride and enthusiasm at being able to HOOK people UP who would otherwise not achieve recognition. She has helped make dreams come true for women who wanted to dance with the Rockettes or lead a parade in their hometown. She has really been quite extraordinary.

If you have never written to Oprah before and you would like to, you can write your letter asking Oprah to HOOK US UP. All you have to do is just click on the following Web site address www.oprah.com/email/email_landing.jhtml and follow the instructions for sending an e-mail to Oprah.

The following is a suggested letter. You can cut and paste this letter onto a new e-mail and forward it to Oprah. Of course, you can modify it as you see fit. Whatever you do, send the letter to Oprah today.

Oprah Winfrey
Harpo Productions
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Oprah:

We are writing to tell you about the Uncrowned Queens Project. Last year, Drs. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold published a book called Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York. Our entire community is very pleased with their efforts to rescue the history of African American women in Western New York. They first started with a web page at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens> and then published their book honoring African American women in our community. One of their major goals is to export the Uncrowned Queens model to every state in the country. After two years of work, that has begun to

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happen, as the State of Oklahoma has accepted this model and has included them on the 2007 Master Plan for the Centennial Celebration of the statehood of Oklahoma. We are thrilled for them.

Oprah, we would like you to take a look at the Uncrowned Queens Project at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens> and if you like what you see, HOOK THEM UP. We know you can do it!

Sincerely,

Please forward this message to your friends, family and colleagues, and let's see if we can get Oprah's attention.

===== NEW UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

The biographies of the following women recently have been added to the Uncrowned Queens Web site.

- + Virginia Daniels Chavers
- + Valeria Cray-Dihaan
- + Doris Jones
- + Elma Lacate
- + Veronica Mason
- + Tanya Perrin-Johnson
- + Sundra Ryce

===== ROCHESTER UNCROWNED QUEENS JOIN THE UQ WEB SITE! =====

In keeping with our mission to gather biographical histories of black women from communities throughout the state of New York, we are excited to recognize our first Uncrowned Queens from the Rochester area. We welcome these women and encourage others in the Rochester, Syracuse areas and beyond, to send us your bios and your regional history. We are pleased that you have joined us in this important mission to record, preserve, and share the history of African American women.

- + Estella Norwood Evans
- + Mary-Francis Winters
- + Alice H. Young

===== NOMINATE AN UNCROWNED QUEEN =====

We continue to accept nominations for Uncrowned Queens. The mission is to recognize and honor these "unsung" royalties and to preserve the history of these women and their contributions to our community. Success is measured by the numerous requests received from students, all over the world, who are using the site for historical, cultural and sociological research. You can assist in this important work by spreading the word about Uncrowned Queens;

submit a nomination for an Uncrowned Queen.

Nomination forms and information are available on the Web site at
<<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>>. You may also contact Peggy
Brooks Bertram or Barbara Seals Nevergold at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com.

===== LOOKING FOR HISTORY ON UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

The UQ Institute seeks photos, newspaper articles, organizational
reports/publications, letters or other materials related to any of our
Uncrowned Queens. This material will be helpful in expanding and updating
biographies. Please send this information to ATTN: Barbara Nevergold, UQ
Institute, 984 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14216.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS LIST-SERVE E-MAIL

If you would like to be removed from this list-serve, please send an e-mail
to uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com with the word "Unsubscribe" in the Subject
heading.

END OF E-MAIL MESSAGE

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Subject: UNCROWNED QUEENS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2002

IN PLACE OF THE JANUARY 2003 NEWSLETTER, UNCROWNED QUEENS IS PLEASED TO PRESENT ITS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2002.

===== UNCROWNED QUEENS - 2002-- THE YEAR IN REVIEW =====

Annual Report of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc.

Prepared by: Barbara A. Seals Nevergold, Ph.D. Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr. P.H., Ph.D.
January 2003

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Last year was a year filled with accomplishments for the Uncrowned Queens Project. It was a year of expansion, refinement and re-defining; of making new friends and partners and solidifying old alliances; of creating innovative ways to get the "message" out about the history and role of African American women and men; and of personal fulfillment and growth.

This Annual Report 2002 is not only an opportunity to reflect on the past year and our activities, but also an opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the countless people who have contributed to the success, growth and development of the Institute and continue to support and encourage us. This report reflects the versatility and vitality of the Uncrowned Queens and the potential for continued growth and development.

===== STATUS OF BIOGRAPHIES =====

A year after the 2001 initial launch of the website, with approximately one hundred women's biographies, we entered 2002 with over three hundred bios, poised to continue the foundational, pioneering work of assembling a techno-cyclopedia of black women's biography. Throughout this year we worked diligently to communicate the message that the Uncrowned Queens Institute is dedicated to the identification, collection, preservation and dissemination of Black women's history using web-based technology to display African American women's photos and biographies. In particular, we strived to ensure that black women whose contributions and achievements resulted in the improvement of the quality of life in our community are recognized and rewarded with their "crown".

While we have been successful in gathering biographies of hundreds of

Uncrowned Queens we've also encountered several barriers and challenges that have hampered the achievement of this goal. They include the following:

- Many women do not think they've done anything to "deserve" the recognition;
- Many women have the misconception that only "high profile" women can be named Uncrowned Queens; and
- Many women are reluctant to write about themselves in positive and complimentary ways.

Others believe we discontinued identifying "queens" after the initial launch in February of 2001. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We continually answer the questions resulting from the above by restating our mission and by working, pro-actively, to teach women how to value their own achievements and to document their achievements in writing. We have offered and will continue to offer workshops to women on "How to Write Your Biography". We invite those of you who are reading this and fit any of the above descriptions, or know someone else who falls into one or more of these categories, to write to us and set up a workshop on writing the biography.

===== WEB SITE VISITS =====

We are excited to find that the website continues to receive daily "hits" from individuals around the world. Currently we are averaging 25, 000 to 30, 000 hits per month. As we continue to expand to other geographical locations we anticipate that access to the website will similarly increase.

===== APPEARANCES AND EVENTS =====

January and February 2002 were extremely busy months that included numerous television, radio and newspaper interviews and articles. The co-founders were interviewed for a WIVB-TV documentary entitled "Beyond the Road to Freedom" that aired on January 30th. Kicking off Black History Month, the co-founders were workshop presenters for the Buffalo School Librarians, teaching ways in which the UQ website can be used to teach local history. Our corporate sponsor, Tops Markets Inc., hosted presentations at area Tops markets on the 9th, 16th, and 23rd. of February. Barbara and Peggy displayed the website, chatted with Tops shoppers, distributed bookmarks and generally educated hundreds of Western New Yorkers about the project. Peggy took the project international when she gave a presentation to members of the Brant County (Ontario) Historical Society.

===== HONORS AND AWARDS =====

February was also a month in which the Uncrowned Queens Project and its co-founders received several community honors. Xi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presented Barbara and Peggy the Education Award in recognition of the educational contributions of the UQ program. Members of the Mary B. Talbert Cultural and Civic Club honored the pair with its Community Service Award for their "creativity, hard work and commitment"

to the Uncrowned Queens Project.

In March, Women's History Month was especially exciting in that the women of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, led by Bishop Garrison (head of the Western New York Episcopal Diocese) and guest preacher Pastor Betty Pearce-Williams, held a special Service of Thanksgiving in honor of the Uncrowned Queens' co-founders and their work. Special thanks go to Uncrowned Queen Eunice Lewin, for her role in organizing the St. Phillip's program. Eunice was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame later in the month.

Peggy and Barbara crossed the border into Canada once again to participate in the 32nd. Popular Culture Association and 24th American Culture Association Annual Conference, on March 15th. Held in Toronto, the conference drew individuals from all over the world. Barbara and Peggy were panelists on a panel entitled "World's Fairs: Discovering the Pan Am 1901". Conference attendees enthusiastically received their papers. Barbara's paper, "Doing the Pan: African American Involvement in the Pan American Exposition, 1901" has been accepted by the journal, African Americans in New York Life and History, due for publication in 2003.

===== OTHER VENTURES AND PROJECTS =====

While continuing to advance the Uncrowned Queens agenda, Peggy and Barbara also have worked simultaneously on separate projects. Peggy, on the lives and history of John William Dungy and Drusilla Dunjee Houston and Barbara, on the photographic legacy of her father, Rev. W.B. Seals and her family history research. Both have had presentations and publications associated with this work. In April, Barbara's article "Fantastic Color and Special Effects: Seals Ebony Studio" was published in the Western New York Heritage Press. In May, she was also the keynote speaker, presenting a PowerPoint on the Seals/Ellis Families at the 26th Annual Family History Dinner of the Afro American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Inc.

Peggy has lectured extensively on the life of John William Dungy and her article on this legendary Black leader was accepted for publication by the Oklahoma Encyclopedia Project. Further, Peggy completed a second doctorate resulting in receipt of a Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.) on May 2002. The title of her dissertation is Drusilla Dunjee Houston: Uncrowned Queens in the African American Women's Literary Tradition.

In May, June and July, the co-founders kept busy as speakers at the International League of Muslim Women, Inc.'s Annual Grandmother, Mother and Daughter Tribute luncheon, For Sisters Only Expo (sponsored by Tops Markets, Inc.), and at the Celebration of Women of Faith. We also participated in the Afro American Historical Association's African American Ancestral Heritage Tours at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The gravesites of several Uncrowned Queens were included in the cemetery tour, including Mary B. Talbert, Amelia Grace Anderson, Cora P. Maloney and Theresa G. Evans.

===== UNCROWNED QUEENS INSTITUTE =====

A major milestone in the development and evolution of the Uncrowned Queens Project was reached in June. Uncrowned Queens was officially incorporated as the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. The mission of this organization is "to conduct research on the issues affecting women of color, to use this research to develop educational programs that will enhance the quality of life for women and their communities, to promote the collection and dissemination of the individual histories of women, women's organizations and women's collective history and to teach and educate women on the use of technology to preserve, and disseminate their histories." We have also initiated the process to become a 501C (3), non-profit organization.

===== FIRST UNCROWNED QUEENS BOOK PUBLISHED =====

Most notably, in July we began to work on volume one of the "Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders". Under our newly formed organization, we established Uncrowned Queens Publishing to publish this first volume. With the assistance and expertise of assistant editor, Lisa Francescone, we randomly selected biographies for this first volume, organized them into categories, edited and type set these for printing. Barbara and Peggy wrote the introduction, preface and acknowledgment statements for the publication. The process of publishing this book has given us new knowledge and insight into the world of publishing, distribution and book promotion. The entire process has been quite an adventure and given us another subject on which to share information with other women.

The book was formally unveiled at a book-signing event on Sunday, October 20, 2002 at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. The book signing was preceded by a presentation during which the authors discussed the book and their "findings" gleaned from the biographies of 100 fantastic women! The bios of these women were arranged into areas of "expertise", e.g. Health, Education, Business, Religion, Criminal Justice and Law. Peggy completed an analysis of the commonalities shared by the women in this first volume. One outstanding finding is the extraordinary involvement of these women in civic and human service organizations, their churches and their charities. Peggy and Barbara plan to publish an article through which this information can be shared.

We are appreciative and encouraged by the overwhelming positive responses to volume one of Uncrowned Queens. Individuals, libraries, organizations and educational institutions have purchased copies of the book. As members of the faculty and staff at the University at Buffalo, we were especially pleased by the letter we received from UB President William Greiner. President Greiner stated "The biographical sketches and personal accounts in this volume made for compelling reading. Together with your tireless commitment to preserving our region's vibrant cultural heritage, this historical documents promises to be a lasting legacy for future generation of leaders at UB and throughout Western New York."

We also would like to acknowledge Phil Rumore of the Buffalo Teachers Federation for his purchase of books for the Buffalo Public Schools, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library and Tops Markets, Keith McFayden, Director of Sales and Promotion, for the donation of books they will make during Black History Month 2003 to the suburban schools.

===== CONFERENCE OVERVIEW =====

November was another extremely busy month as we prepared to host the Second Annual Uncrowned Queens Conference. On November 9th, the co-founders of Uncrowned Queens Institute were presented the 2002 Community Service Award by the Buffalo Urban League. The award was presented at the League's Annual Gala, attended by over 1400 individuals. Given annually to recognize outstanding organizations in the Buffalo community, the League commended Uncrowned Queens for being "an exemplary organization as reflected in its culture, values and commitment to the community."

Our second annual conference entitled, "Commemorating Our Past, Preserving Our Present, Sustaining Our Future", was held November 15-16th. Local, national and international presenters and participants contributed to an exciting and educationally stimulating event. Dr. Christopher Reed of Chicago's Roosevelt University and author of *All the World's Here: the Black Presence in White City* (a book about the African American involvement in the World's Columbian Fair of 1893) was the keynote speaker.

Workshop presenters included Daria Khaltournia, Ph.D. from Moscow's Russian Academy of Sciences, Elizabeth J. Achieng Siwo-Okundi, from the University of Ohio, Wilma Morrison, President of the Ontario (Canada) Black History Society, as well as George K. Arthur and Felix Armfield, Ph.D. of the Michigan Avenue Preservation Corporation, Alexis Deveaux, Ph.D., Chair of University of Buffalo's Women's Studies Department, William Loos, Curator Rare Books (Retired), Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Patricia Virgil, Head Librarian/Archivist, Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, Wanda Hackney, President of the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Aviva Merritt, Host of Aviva, and Peggy Brooks-Bertram.

A special educational track for young people was added to this year's conference. Nearly twenty-five youngsters, between the ages of 13-18, participated in a Family History Symposium. These youngsters were taught some of the rudiments of family history research, e.g. interviewing and developing a family history "tree". Each participant received a portable tape recorder and tapes and given an opportunity to practice their new skill by interviewing adult conference participants. The evaluations of this special Family History Symposium were overwhelmingly positive and reflected the youngsters' grasp of the value of learning how to gather, preserve and share family histories. We owe a debt of gratitude to the following family historians who facilitated these workshops and shared their expertise and experiences with the young people: Sharon Amos, Georgia Burnette, Florence

Hargrave Curtis, Tonya Perrin Johnson, Madeline Scott, Sandra Walker, Sonia Walker, and Barbara Seals Nevergold.

We want to express a very special thank you to David White, a videographer from the Center for Applied Technologies in Education. David spent countless hours with Barbara Nevergold filming interviews with the family historians previously named. The resulting video provided an interesting and diverse view of these historians' experiences and gave the youngsters a comprehensive introduction to family history.

The Uncrowned Queens Institute also honored several individuals/organizations as "Culture Keepers", during the Conference. The "Culture Keepers" were cited for their outstanding contribution to the preservation and dissemination of local black history. Mrs. Eva Noles, health care professional, historian and author of Buffalo's Blacks Talking Proud, Black History: A New Approach and other works; Al-Nisa Banks, Publisher, Editor, Owner of the Challenger newspaper; The Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. and the Buffalo Criterion, Frank Merriweather, Owner, Editor were the four award recipients.

The success of a conference of this magnitude is due to the commitment, work and contributions (monetary as well as in-kind) of many. Our partnerships and collaborations with individuals, organizations, businesses, governmental agencies and community groups have truly lifted us higher. The Uncrowned Queens partnership with the State University of New York at Buffalo has been tremendous and we are especially appreciative of that important support. President Greiner has congratulated us on numerous occasions and commented on the publication of the Uncrowned Queens book. He states that, "Together with your tireless commitment to preserving our region's vibrant cultural heritage, this historical document promises to be a lasting legacy for future generations of leaders at UB and throughout Western New York."

We are also indebted to and sincerely appreciative of the following for their involvement, support and contributions to the Second Annual Uncrowned Queens conference: In addition to those named previously, Tops Friendly Markets, Office of the County Executive of Erie County, Xi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Erie County Links, Inc., The YWCA of Buffalo and Erie County, Chris Del Prince of Life Styles, Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, Inc., Buffalo Teacher's Federation, Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo State College, University of Buffalo, the Educational Opportunity Center, U.B. Department of Women's Studies, U.B. Department of African American Studies, Buffalo Urban League, Center for Applied Technologies in Education, Robert Doyle State Farm Insurance, Alpha Beta Sigma Sorority, David White, Clarence Mesiah, and Sharon Holley.

Very special thanks go to Lisa Francescone for serving as Webmaster for the web site and for her editorial assistance with the book. Lisa was co-editor of the book and was also responsible for the layout and design of the book cover.

Following the conference, we also did a presentation on the website and a book signing at our church, St. John Baptist Church. In December, we participated in the African Market Place, which took place at the Delevan Moselle Community Center.

===== FUTURE PLANS =====

Since the beginning of the project, we have been working very hard to "export" the Uncrowned Queens model to other states. In December, 2002 we received news that we were waiting for: the Oklahoma State Centennial Commission identified the Uncrowned Queens for the Master Plan of the 2007 Celebration of the statehood of Oklahoma. We are in the process of building a web page for African American women who helped to build the state of Oklahoma. Plans were also initiated to begin Volume 2 of Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York. We are looking for a very exciting new year as a fully incorporated 501 © (3) organization. We look forward to your continuing support.

Community News

By Khadija Merriweather



The St. John Baptist Church, 184 Goodell St., in Buffalo, Board of Christian Education, presented "Modern Day Griots Celebrating African American Authors and Writers of Western New York. This weekly series, gave the opportunity to some of this area's local writers and authors, a chance to share their writing experiences and the audience

to ask questions.

February 9th, opened the program and featured Mrs. Eva Noles, R. N., and Educator and Criterion Columnist, Eva Doyle; February 16th, featured Norma Roberson, PHD., and Lillian Williams, Ph.D.; and February 23rd, will close the series and begin at 3 p.m., featured will be Sharon Amos and Peggy Brooks-

Bertram, PhD. and Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D. The Rev. Michael Chapman is Pastor of St. John Baptist Church.

Pictured are the February 16th presenters" Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr. Norma Roberson, Dr. Lillian Williams, and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold.

Much love to the "Doctors" for their kindness.

Group celebrates black women

By Susan Mikula Campbell
SUNDAY STAFF

Black women who have made a difference in Niagara County won't be forgotten if Uncrowned Queens has anything to say about it.

The organization, known as Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, grew out of planning for activities celebrating the 100th anniversary of Buffalo's Pan American Exposition of 1901.

Co-founders Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram of Buffalo were in Niagara Falls on Feb. 18 to honor local housing advocate, the late Doris Jones, as an uncrowned queen. While here, they talked with Niagara Falls Mayor Irene Elia about plans to formally launch the program this summer in Niagara County and about collecting the biographies of at least several hundred black women, past and present.

Uncrowned Queens already has more than 500 Western New York black women listed on its Web site, including six from Niagara Falls. Their goal is to list 1,901 Western New York women, symbolic the year of the Pan American exposition, when black contributions were either misrepresented or ignored.

Mary Louise Jones, a first-grade teacher at Harry F. Abate Elementary School in Niagara Falls, proudly accepted the Uncrowned Queens certificate on behalf of her late aunt.

"We need to see those role models, especially for our young ladies," Jones said.

Stephanie Cowart, executive director of the Niagara Falls Housing Authority, is one of Niagara County's six uncrowned queens. The others, in addition to Jones, are Willie Mae Fields, Renae Kimble,



Mary Louise Jones, right, receives a certificate on behalf of her late aunt Doris Jones, who was honored posthumously by the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women. Also pictured are Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram.

Veronica Mason and Lillie Stephens.

"I think it's a true testament to the leadership that women provide in the home, in the church and ultimately in the community," Cowart said. "Queens walk amongst us every day. They need to be celebrated and recognized for their contributions."

Uncrowned Queens will make sure that black women's accomplishments that are fading out of people's memories won't be forgotten, she said.

Bertram said although black women in leadership positions are obvious nominees, Uncrowned Queens also is telling the stories of people who labored to help build their community, but may not be well known.

Both co-founders hold Ph.D.s

and work at the University at Buffalo. Nevergold is director of student support services for the Educational Opportunity Center. Bertram is an adjunct professor in the Department of African American Studies.

In addition to its Web site, Uncrowned Queens has published a book, "Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York." Proceeds will benefit the scholarships of local Links organizations.

A second volume of the book already is in the works and the publishing arm of the institute also is looking at the possibility of publishing the work of other women, Nevergold said. A third Uncrowned Queens conference also is being planned this fall.

Bertram said the Web site

To learn more

The Uncrowned Queens Web site is at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>.

gets about 45,000 hits a month and Uncrowned Queens continues to grow.

On Thursday, the group welcomed 12 Russian educators who wanted to see a model of how differences between ethnic and religious groups might be honored.

"The model is one that can be replicated through the world toward any community," Nevergold said.

Contact Susan Mikula Campbell at 282-2311, Ext. 2255, or campbells@gntnews.com.

Barbara A. Nevergold

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Welcome to the APRIL 2003 edition of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. newsletter.

===== UQ CO-FOUNDERS HONORED BY ALPHA KAPPY ALPHA SORORITY =====

On March 30th, Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara A. Seals Nevergold (were) among ten other women who were honored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Phi Omega Chapter at the Sorority's annual Founder's Day Luncheon. Other honorees included Constance Eve, Hon. Shirley Troutman, Lillion Batchelor, Sundra Ryce, Sharon Thomas, Nellie B. King, Johnnie M. Mayo, Yvonne Hargrave, Barbara Miller-Williams and Lillian Williams. The theme of the luncheon was "Spirit of AKA -- Profiling Women of Excellence" Award for 2003. Each of these women was honored "as a woman in the Western New York community who is first and/or outstanding in her field of expertise." Leecia Eve, Esq., Special Counsel to the Hon. Hillary R. Clinton and daughter of honoree Connie Eve, was the keynote speaker. The luncheon took place at the Buffalo Convention Center.

===== ITS "ABOUT TIME" FOR UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

ABOUT TIME Magazine, a Rochester-based, national publication will print a feature article on the Uncrowned Queens Institute and its founders in the upcoming April-May 2003 edition. This local treasure is more than 25 years old and is headed by James Blount, Publisher and Carlyne Blount, Executive Editor. You can find out more about this magazine by visiting their website (<http://www.abouttimemag.com/>). Subscriptions are reasonably priced at only \$14 a year. The articles are timely, well written and feature themes that are of a local and national interest to African Americans. We wholeheartedly endorse this publication and recommend it to our readers.

===== AMERICAN WRITERS RECEPTION =====

Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold will participate in the 9th Annual African American Writers Reception, hosted by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. The program will be held on April 10th at the Martin Luther King Branch Library, 451 William St. (Towne Gardens Plaza) from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. The program honors the contributions made by African American Writers of Western New York.

===== LOOKING FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN FROM OKLAHOMA =====

The Oklahoma Centennial project honoring African American Women Community

Builders is progressing nicely. We are in the process of collecting biographies for these women and are looking for any Buffalo/Rochester connections. If you are one or know of an African American Woman from Oklahoma who you think should be included on the Oklahoma Centennial program's Web site, please let us know. Contact Peggy Brooks-Bertram at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com.

===== UQ HONORS DR. BEVERLY HENDRIX WRIGHT =====

On Thursday April 3, 2003, at a luncheon engagement with the departments of African American Studies and Sociology at the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold presented the Uncrowned Queens plaque to Dr. Beverly Hendrix Wright, a former resident of Buffalo. Dr. Wright is a graduate of UB's Sociology Department. An expert in Environmental Justice, Dr. Wright founded the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice.

On April 4, Dr. Wright was the keynote speaker at the Environment and Society Colloquium, Commemorating Earth Day 2003. The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education, Inc. was a co-sponsor for this event. Dr. Bertram served as one of the panelists at the Environment and Society Colloquium. Dr. Wright also was honored by the University at Buffalo Alumni Association, where she received the Distinguished Alumni Award for her work in environmental justice.

Visit the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice Web site at <http://www.xula.edu/dscej/>.

===== UQ IS COOKING =====

UQ is Cooking! No, we mean that literally! On March 13th, Peggy and Barbara were guests of AM-Buffalo on Channel 7, WKBW-TV. Actually Peggy was the cook and her recipe for Uncrowned Pizza is healthy, quick and easy, not to mention delicious. A copy of the recipe follows:

Uncrowned Queens Vegetarian Pizza

Note: This is a low fat way to enjoy pizza. All of the ingredients are either low in fat and cholesterol or contain neither. Two pizzas will serve two people quite well. This dish is fast, efficient and can be enjoyed with a salad. Perhaps the most notable aspect of this dish is that the "bread" is not the usual pizza crust. Instead, it is a thin, no cholesterol, low fat, low salt carbohydrate that forms the base of the dish as if it was a regular pizza crust.

Very little preparation of the vegetables is necessary. Rinse and drain $\frac{3}{4}$ bags of shredded vegetables. Slightly sauté the shredded vegetables in a teaspoon of olive oil over a medium flame in a covered pan to slightly soften. Place the pizza crust on a pizza pan and cover the crust lightly with a $\frac{3}{4}$ cup pizza sauce. The sautéed vegetables are added on top of the

sauce.

Other vegetables that are not sautéed include one cup of diced green peppers--red, yellow and orange peppers can be added for color and taste--, ½ cup of scallions, and 1 ½ cup of mushrooms. These are placed on top of the sautéed vegetables. A ¾ cup of part-skim Mozzarella cheese is added last. Three tablespoons of freshly cut dill can also be added for additional flavor. The entire dish is ready for the oven.

The oven should be heated to 425 degrees and the pizza should cook for no more than 10-13 minutes. Check the crust for crispness after 10 minutes then remove from tray and place on the over wrack for about 3 minutes. Remove. The pizza will be crisp on the bottom but moist on the top. Serve with a lettuce and tomato salad or other salad of your choice. Happy eating.

Ingredients

2 Pita Alwatan, large pita bread

3/4 bag Rainbow Salad with Broccoli hearts, cauliflower hearts, carrots and red cabbage

2 cups Broccoli florets

1 ½ Green peppers

1 cup Green onions

1 ½ cup Mozzarella cheese, part skin

3/4 cup Casa Visco, pizza sauce

1 ½ cup Mushrooms

3 tsp Fresh dill, chopped

===== POET LAUREAT HONORED BY UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

On March 27, world-renowned poet laureate Lucille Clifton was inducted as an Uncrowned Queen during her visit to Canisius College. According to Barbara Nevergold, "Ms. Clifton took center stage at Canisius College's Cultural Center and held all who attended, spellbound as she read selections from her poetry and children's stories and shared personal anecdotes about her experiences and family history."

Read more about Ms. Clifton's visit to Buffalo and see pictures of her receiving her award at the Uncrowned Queens Web site (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>).

===== NEW ON THE WEB =====

UQ has recently been recognized and included on the websites of two very important national websites: Look for us at the following addresses:

www.facinghistory.com

www.nathanielturner.com (also known as Chickenbones)

Have you been on the UQ site lately? If not, log on <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens> and take a look at our new interactive map of New York State. The state map illustrates the growth of the UQ techno-pedia (this is a word we've coined to describe the biographical section of the website) project in the Western New York region. You can now go on to the site and locate women in Rochester and Niagara Falls whose biographies have been added to those of their sisters from the Buffalo area. We are excited and pleased that a group of women from Rochester are planning programs with the Institute for the Rochester region and have been sending their bios in for posting on the website. Stay tuned; today, Western New York, Central and Eastern New York, tomorrow, Oklahoma and the other 48 states!

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- + Dorthea "Dodo" Greene
- + Johnnie M. Mayo
- + Yvonne Hargrave
- + Lula Herring
- + Chastity Butler
- + Lucille Clifton
- + Karla Holloway

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Welcome to the MARCH 2003 edition of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. newsletter.

===== FEBRUARY WAS "TOPS" WITH UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

February 2003 was an extremely busy month for Uncrowned Queens. Our partnership with Tops Friendly Markets and the Links, Inc. that included book-signings at three Tops Markets, two in Buffalo and one in Rochester, was a resounding success. Together with members of the Erie County, Niagara Falls, and Rochester Links chapters, we talked with Tops shoppers about the Uncrowned Queens project and book and the Links' scholarship program and other service programs. We, literally, talked to hundreds of people during these three sessions and signed books for 160 individuals!

Western New Yorkers certainly have earned their reputation as "good neighbors"! Their generosity and that of Tops' management resulted in a \$1,000 donation to each of the six chapters of the Links for their scholarship programs. Special thanks to Tops' staff, Keith McFayden, Director of Sales and Promotions, Brian LaValley and Joyce Pilc for their support of the program.

On Friday, February 28th, presentation of the checks to the Links was the highlight of the Black History program held at the Tops Corporate headquarters. Uncrowned Queens co-founders, Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold were on hand to provide an overview of the Uncrowned Queens Web site and the month-long collaboration with Tops and the Links. In addition to the in-store promotions, UQ and the Links appeared on Channel 7's Linda White Live at 4:00 p.m.; were interviewed during the live-remote, in-store broadcasts on the three Saturdays by WUFO and WDKX radio dee-jays; appeared on Channel 7 and Channel 13 (Rochester) newscasts; and had several newspaper ads announcing the events of the month.

Thanks again to Tops Markets for their support and for giving back to the community.

===== THE RUSSIANS CAME! =====

On Thursday, February 27th, Uncrowned Queens in partnership with the Educational Opportunity Center and the Department of African American Studies at the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York,

hosted a dozen Russian educators visiting our city and region.

Through the wonderful technology of distance learning, we were able to dialogue with Dr. Lillian Williams, Chair of African American Studies, and Dr. Vladimir Ageyev, Clinical Professor, Department of Learning and Instruction, on the Amherst campus while our guests were comfortably situated at the EOC. Many thanks to Dr. Shaf Rahman for providing the technical assistance that ensured the smooth execution of the session.

Through their capable interpreters our Russian visitors heard about the challenges that Black women and other women of color are faced with and address on a daily basis. They were particularly interested in issues of racism, sexism and discrimination and ways in which women of color are empowered to overcome these barriers. They were especially interested in the Uncrowned Queens Web site and project and how it engages women and youth in historical research and educates the community. Several of the educators discussed their use of family history to engage young people's interest in history and research. Uncrowned Queens' development of local history curriculum and family history curriculum was cited as one of the major activities of our project.

The meeting concluded with a pledge to maintain contact with these educators with a future goal to establish a sister-city project between them and Uncrowned Queens. Invitations, especially to visit Siberia, were extended to Drs. Nevergold and Bertram. Although we don't speak Russian, and most of the Russians didn't speak English, the language of mutual respect and desire to understand each other better was clearly understood.

===== UQ DORIS JONES HONORED IN NIAGARA FALLS =====

The Niagara Falls Housing Authority Renamed the Resource Center in honor of Uncrowned Queen Doris Jones.

Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold participated in the program to honor this incredible woman, who dedicated her life to advocating for residents of the housing authority. Drs. Nevergold and Bertram were pleased to induct Ms. Jones, posthumously, as an Uncrowned Queen. Mary Louise Jones proudly accepted the Uncrowned Queens certificate on behalf of her late aunt. The Niagara Gazette quoted Stephanie Cowart, executive director of the Niagara Falls Housing Authority; "I think it's a true testament to the leadership that women provide in the home, in the church and ultimately in the community. Queens walk amongst us every day. They need to be celebrated and recognized for their contributions."

===== HONORARY UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

Uncrowned Queens will present a "crown" to Lucille Clifton, Depew native and past poet laureate of the State of Maryland and author of 10 books of poetry and 17 children's books. This will take place at Canisius College on Thursday, March 27th after Ms. Clifton's reading in the Montante Cultural

Center, located at the corner of Main Street and Eastwood Place. The evening is free and open to the public and will conclude with a reception and book signing. We hope many Uncrowned Queens will be present to salute this outstanding African American woman from our community.

The Uncrowned Queens Institute honored Dr. Mae Jemison, the first black female astronaut, on Thursday, February 27th at a reception hosted by the Minority Faculty and Staff at the University at Buffalo. Drs. Bertram and Nevergold presented Dr. Jemison with a "crown" symbolic of her pioneering contributions and accomplishments in the exploration of the frontiers of outer space.

===== UPCOMING EVENTS =====

MARCH 8: Presentation at Memorial AME Zion Church, Rochester, New York. Annual Harriet Tubman program hosted by Dr. Juanita Pitts. Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

MARCH 11: WUFO The Ted Kirkland Show. Guest hosts for this program, Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold, 11 a.m.

MARCH 12: Presentation on Uncrowned Queens at the Educational Opportunity Center, Dr. Barbara A. Seals Nevergold and Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram. The presentation begins at 12:00 noon and is open to EOC students ONLY.

MARCH 13: Cookin' with the Uncrowned Queens! AM Buffalo, Channel 7, 10:00 a.m.

MARCH 17th: Drs. Bertram and Nevergold will be guests of Alpha Beta Sigma Sorority as they hosts Women of Excellence Program. 6:00 p.m. at the University at Buffalo, Amherst Campus, Room 145B Student Union.

MARCH 27: World-renowned poet laureate Lucille Clifton inducted as an Honorary Uncrowned Queen. Ms. Clifton is presenting for Canisius College at the Montante Cultural Center, 8:00 p.m. The evening is free and open to the public.

===== WEB SITE INTERACTIVE MAP =====

The Uncrowned Queens project has added an interactive map of New York State to its Web site (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>). The map has been designed to help visitors to the Web site identify uncrowned queens by city. As the Uncrowned Queens project grows, and more women are nominated for inclusion on the site, we will add other cities to the interactive map.

As the Uncrowned Queens project continues to blossom, we plan on adding an interactive map of the entire United States!

===== SOJOURNER TRUTH CLUB =====

Uncrowned Queens is pleased to add the Sojourner Truth Club as a Web site link on its list of Women's organizations. Go to the Uncrowned Queens Web site for further information and take a look at a historic photograph of this important women's group.

http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens/history/womens_organizations/sojourner_truth.htm

===== HELPING YOU TO HELP US HOOK-UP WITH OPRAH WINFREY =====

Thanks to all of you who have responded to our request to send e-mails to Oprah asking her to "Hook us up". We are continuing this e-mail campaign and have put a link on the Uncrowned Queens Home page (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>) for those of you who have not sent your letter to Oprah.

===== HELP UNCROWNED QUEENS HOOK-UP WITH OPRAH WINFREY =====

The Oprah Winfrey Show is one of the most important media by which the country and indeed the world can discover a special project. Over the past seventeen years, Oprah has helped to bring many worthy projects to the attention of her vast audience. She seemed to bubble with pride and enthusiasm at being able to HOOK people UP who would otherwise not achieve recognition. She has helped make dreams come true for women who wanted to dance with the Rockettes or lead a parade in their hometown. She has really been quite extraordinary.

If you have never written to Oprah before and you would like to, you can write your letter asking Oprah to HOOK US UP. All you have to do is just click on the following Web site address www.oprah.com/email/email_landing.jhtml and follow the instructions for sending an e-mail to Oprah.

The following is a suggested letter. You can cut and paste this letter onto a new e-mail and forward it to Oprah. Of course, you can modify it as you see fit. Whatever you do, send the letter to Oprah today.

Oprah Winfrey
Harpo Productions
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Oprah:

We are writing to tell you about the Uncrowned Queens Project. Last year, Drs. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold published a book called Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York. Our entire community is very pleased with their efforts to rescue the history of African American women in Western New York. They first started with a web page at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>

and then published their book honoring African American women in our community. One of their major goals is to export the Uncrowned Queens model to every state in the country. After two years of work, that has begun to happen, as the State of Oklahoma has accepted this model and has included them on the 2007 Master Plan for the Centennial Celebration of the statehood of Oklahoma. We are thrilled for them.

Oprah, we would like you to take a look at the Uncrowned Queens Project at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens> and if you like what you see, HOOK THEM UP. We know you can do it!

Sincerely,

Please forward this message to your friends, family and colleagues, and let's see if we can get Oprah's attention.

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- + Carol Hoskins Adams
- + Bertha Hall Amos
- + Estella Norwood Evans
- + G. Jean Howard
- + Pheobe (Lil) Parks
- + Juanita Pitts
- + Joanne Sadler
- + Thomasina Stenhouse
- + Genevieve Stenhouse
- + Michelle Thomas
- + Joan Ridley Willis
- + Mary-Francis Winters
- + Alice H. Young

===== BIOGRAPHIES MISSING IN ACTION =====

We are looking for the biographies of the following Uncrowned Queens. Help us if you know any of these women:

- Shirley Hailstock
- Rev. Betty Pearce Williams
- Rev. Hargrave-Penn
- Dr. Karla Holloway
- Dodo Green
- Jessica Johnson

You may have someone who is not on this list. We invite you to nominate her and forward the information to: Barbara Seals Nevergold,

984 Parkside Avenue; Buffalo, New York 14216

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Welcome to the MAY 2003 edition of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. newsletter.

===== UQ SCHEDULES THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE =====

HOLD THESE DATES: November 7th and 8th, 2003. Plans are underway for the 3rd Annual Uncrowned Queens Conference, "Embracing African America Women of Power, Passion and Purpose." A call for papers will be issued soon. More details will follow in our June newsletter.

===== UQ NAMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS =====

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. announces the installation of its Board of Directors and Officers. The Institute is pleased to announce that the following individuals have agreed to serve as the organization's founding Officers and Board of Directors: President: Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Dr. P.H., Ph.D.; Vice-President, John Staley, Ph.D., Secretary, Derrick Byrd; Treasurer, Barbara A. Seals Nevergold, Ph.D.; Board Members: Lillian Bertram, Pashion Corbett-Marshall, Alanna Marrow and Sylvia Wright. Each of these individuals brings a unique set of skills and experiences to contribute to the ongoing growth and development of the Institute and the advancement of our mission. We look forward to continued expansion with their guidance.

===== UQ INSTITUTE RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM AAHA =====

The Uncrowned Queens Institute is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant award from the Afro American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. The Association's award will support the family history seminar(s) that the Institute will offer young people during its third annual conference. Each youngster that participates in a family history seminar will receive a tape recorder, tapes and batteries for use in recording interviews with family members. The Institute extends sincere appreciation to members of the Afro American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. for their recognition of the important contribution that the Institute's Family History program makes to the preservation of local African American History.

===== UQ FOUNDERS TO ATTEND GIRL FRIENDS CONFERENCE =====

The Uncrowned Queens founders will participate in a booksigning during the upcoming conference of The Girl Friends, Inc. The conference, hosted by the

Buffalo Chapter of the Girl Friends, Inc., will be held May 22-May 25 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church Street. Look for more information in the Buffalo Challenger and Buffalo Criterion newspapers.

===== BERTRAM TO RECEIVE YWCA RECOGNITION =====

The YWCA will honor Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Uncrowned Queens co-founder, during the YWCA's annual Leader Luncheon. Dr. Bertram is being honored as a community volunteer. Tickets for the June 6th luncheon are \$40 and can be obtained from the YWCA. The luncheon will take place at the Buffalo Convention Center.

===== UQ WEB SITE HONORED WITH TWO SILVER AWARDS =====

On April 28, 2003, the Uncrowned Queens Web site (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>) was honored with silver achievement awards from The American Association of Webmasters (AAWM) and The Rose Awards. These on-line award programs are devoted to assessing the quality and content of Web sites based on established criteria.

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The Rose Awards

The Rose Awards program rewards "...web designers who are the "best of the best" -- whether they are professionals or self-taught amateurs, their talents far exceed those of the average webmaster/mistress, and they have mastered the art of web design!"

Donna O'Smollain-MacDhadhoc, Evaluator, The Rose Awards had the following to say about the Uncrowned Queens Web site.

"Your site provides the Internet community with a wonderful educational experience, as you seek to educate viewers on these great ladies who helped to build New York; your site also provides a sense of "a job well done" as you also *honor* these wonderful ladies for all of their accomplishments! I found your web site well designed with excellent site content, navigational system was good, page load times were fast, the content was family-friendly, and the site showed good choices in backgrounds/headings/colors/fonts... For all of those reasons, you should be proud of your web site."

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American Association of Webmasters

The AAWM Award Program gives formal recognition to webmasters who have constructed Web sites using "...their own brand of style, creativity, and content. Further, the AAWM honors websites that make a "...positive contribution to the World Wide Web Community by Bringing The World Closer To

Us."

The AAWM awards committee noted the following about the Uncrowned Queens Web site: "...nice graphics, layout, design and appearance. We are very impressed with the quality and content your website presents."

Visit the AAWM Web site at <http://www.aawebmasters.com/> for more information on this organization.

===== WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE =====

Sunday, March 30th, Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold and Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram were awarded, along with ten other women, the Women of Excellence Award from Gamma Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. at the sorority's Founder's Day program.

The event was highlighted by a keynote address delivered by Leecia Roberta Eve, Esq. Ms. Eve is special counsel to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and the daughter of former Deputy Speaker Arthur O. Eve and Mrs. Constance B. Eve. Ms. Eve spoke of the need for women of excellence, especially during these troubled times, in education, government, health, business, civic and community affairs. She commended the honorees for their contributions to the betterment of life in their community. In addition to the Uncrowned Queens founders, the honorees included Uncrowned Queens, Lillion Batchelor, Constance Eve, Sundra Ryce, Barbara Miller-Williams, Nellie B. King, Sharon Thomas, Hon. Shirley Troutman, Dr. Lillian Williams, Johnnie Mayo and Yvonne Hargrave.

Uncrowned Queen Dawn Sanders is the president of Gamma Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

===== VOLUME 2 IN THE WORKS =====

The anticipated publication date for "Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders of Western New York, Volume 2" is Fall 2003. Look for details in future newsletters.

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===== UQ RECEIVES NON-PROFIT STATUS =====

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. has received notification from the IRS that it is officially a 501 c(3) non-profit organization. This is great news! We can now apply to foundations, corporations, and governmental agencies for funding. We can also accept individual contributions that will be tax deductible for the donor.

===== CALL FOR PAPERS: NOVEMBER 2003 CONFERENCE =====

CONFERENCE THEME: Embracing African American Women of Power, Passion, and Purpose

Deadline for submission: August 30, 2003

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. has issued a call for papers for the Third Annual Conference: Embracing African American Women of Power, Passion, and Purpose, November 7-8, 2003. Buffalo, New York.

African American women's individual and collective histories offer a testament to the manner by which these women have led lives that exemplify:

- Power to effect change that impacts not only their own, but also the lives of countless others;
- Passion that enables them to confront all challenges and to persevere in the face of obstacles;
- Purpose that undergirds their actions and orders and directs their activities toward the achievement of a goal.

This conference will provide a forum to share the biographies of African American Women whose lives bear witness to the foregoing. We are especially looking for the stories of those women that have not been told, or are in danger of being lost in the cracks of history. Individual as well as panel

presentations are acceptable.

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Dr. Bertram's topic is: Researching Underground Railroad Families: The Case of Rev. John William Dunjee. Rev. Dunjee is the father of Drusilla Dunjee Houston (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/dunjeehouston>). Dr. Bertram is in possession of Rev. John William Dunjee's scrapbook, 1870-1903. She is placing it on loan with the African American Museum of Philadelphia for the duration of the festival.

This Cultural Tourism event is expected to attract thousands of people from all over the U.S. and Canada. If you would like to attend this festival or if you want more information please visit the William Still Foundation

website at <http://www.undergroundrr.com/famfest2003.htm> and click on the UGRR Family Festival link for detailed information.

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. is a proud supporter of the National UGRR Family Reunion Festival and is identified as such on the Web site at <http://www.undergroundrr.com/partners.htm>.

===== AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES ON DEATH AND DYING =====

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Dr. Holloway is a Buffalo native, Uncrowned Queens, and daughter of the late Claude and Ouida Clapp (also an Uncrowned Queen). Currently, she is William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of English and Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at Duke University. Dr. Holloway has authored *Passed On: African American Mourning Stories: A Memorial*; *Moorings and Metaphors: Figures of Culture & Gender in Black Women's Literature*; and *Codes of Conduct: Race, Ethics, & the Color of Our Character*.

Please call The Center for Excellence at 716-686-8159 for more information.

This event is sponsored by St. John Baptist Church, Rev. Michael Chapman, Pastor and The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care. Peggy Brooks-Bertram is the chair of the Hospice Committee for St. John Baptist Church.

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===== WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

Since its establishment in January 2000, hundreds of women and men from across the United States have contacted the Uncrowned Queens Institute via e-mail. Some of the messages are from Uncrowned Queens who want to update

us on their activity. However, most messages are from individuals wanting to congratulate us on our Web site and praise our efforts to remember African American woman, history, and culture.

The Uncrowned Queens Institute reads and considers ALL of the e-mail messages received. The message content is used to improve the Uncrowned Queens Web site as well as develop and improve sponsored programs. In addition, the Institute has obtained valuable research data about who uses the Web site and why. One thing is certain, the e-mail messages have convinced us that the Uncrowned Queens project is a valuable resource and positive contribution to the World Wide Web.

The following is just a small sampling of some of the wonderful comments we have received over the past several months. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did!

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"Any organization that brings together women of color from various backgrounds and organizations for the purpose of uplifting other women, especially young women and their communities, is of interest to me."

Romunda
Buffalo, NY

"[I am interested] in the fact that women who have contributed to our communities will be recognized and show younger women how to help in making our communities what they should be."

Hadayai
Atlanta, GA

"The Web site is a beautiful idea that was put into motion by two history making women that should be celebrated themselves for the creativity they have show others. Many times we forget what we can do if we put thought into it, and they did it beautifully."

Laura
Buffalo, NY

"An important and significant source for the recognition of the work of women and for the research on the history of women. How wonderful it is that this resource is available to a wide array of individuals, scholars, organizations, students, senior centers, etc. Many thanks to you for creating this Web site. I will certainly tell other about it. Good Work!"

Henri
Baltimore, MD

"Really enjoyed reading your Sept. newsletter, and have been learning about your group since a DC area friend told me about it. Lots of interesting stuff on the Web site."

Betty
Grand Rapids, MI

"It is well overdue for this type of project. May God bless you for the vision. The Web site is easy to follow and very informative. I give it 10 stars."

Samadah
Smyrna, GA

"The Web site provides a wonderful history lesson for Buffalonians."

April
Raleigh, NC

"Your entire site is most interesting, especially learning who you crown, their biographies, what's going on in Buffalo, and the interesting work you are doing."

Antoinette
Bel Air, MD

"Thanks for your vision and hard work to encourage us to document our history."

Shanna
Buffalo, NY

"This Web site interests me because it is about ordinary people doing extraordinary things."

Mattie
Maple Heights, OH

"The Web site provides a long overdue repository for the countless accomplishments of the hitherto faceless African American women, who have unselfishly given of themselves, in many cases to their own demise, for the advancement of their families and community."

Sylvia
Buffalo, NY

===== UNCROWNED QUEENS INTERVIEWED FOR TV SPECIAL =====

Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara A. Seals Nevergold were featured in a Channel 2 -- WGRZ-TV special on Juneteenth. They were interviewed about the Uncrowned Queens Institute, its mission and future plans, and collaborations with other community organizations such as the Juneteenth Festival, Inc. The special was aired on Saturday, June 7th at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, June 8th.

===== YWCA RECOGNIZES UNCROWNED QUEENS' CO-FOUNDER =====

The YWCA recognized Peggy Brooks-Bertram during the organization's Leadership Luncheon on June 6th for her community service contributions. The luncheon was held at the Buffalo Convention Center and attended by more than 900 individuals. A number of Uncrowned Queens were also recognized by the Y for their contributions in various areas of community service and

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OUR CROWNING GLORY

African-American Historic Projects Honor Unsung "Sheroes"

By Denise Lawson

In 1901, a few women set about to change the views of organizers during the Pan American Exposition, related to the "stereotypical and derogatory exhibits on blacks." With their protest, the Phyllis Wheatley Club of Colored Women advocated for proper representation during the exhibits, namely displays and presentations that would accurately recount the accomplishments of black people. The movement was spearheaded by Mrs. John Dover and Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, who continued to uphold the precedent for African-American women—working "individually and collectively to bring about change for the betterment of the community."

Today, Drs. Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram (educators, authors and well-known lecturers) continue the tradition of creating an awareness of unsung "sheroes" within our communities through the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. Beginning as a focus group and project of the Women's Pavilion Pan Am 2001, their initiative also seeks to disavow the myth that American history is not sated with black women who have been major contributors in our collective success story. More than 200 biographies are on the Website (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>), which was launched on February 15, 2001.

Now to set in motion a change in viewpoint, both in and out of the African-American community, the Baltimore and Louisiana natives have not only co-authored *African, Darkies and Negroes: Black Faces at the Pan American Exposition of 1901*, but also their first volume of the *Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York*. The goal is to gather and post the biographies of 1901 African-American women in New York on the Uncrowned Queens website and then export the model to every state in the country.

That has begun to happen. The Oklahoma Centennial Commemorative Project has included this model in its 2007 Master Plan for the Centennial Celebration of the statehood of Oklahoma (see sidebar).

"We all know encyclopedias essentially catalogue various forms of information ... whether it's information about cities, historical events or biographies," says Nevergold. This model became the driving force for the authors to deliver their sub-



Uncrowned Queen Dr. Alice Young (center) is flanked by the authors, Barbara Seals Nevergold (left) and Peggy Brooks-Bertram (right) and members of the Rochester Links, l-r: Katherine Logan, Ermine Byas, Francine Conwell (president) and Joan Willis. Proceeds from the book were donated to the scholarship programs of Links organizations in Upstate New York.

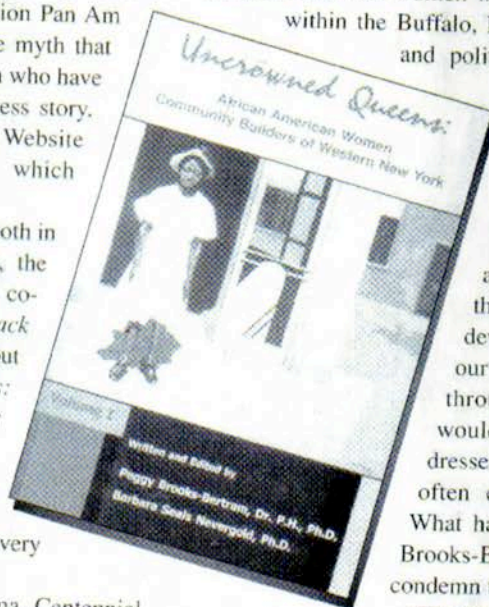
jects' information, initially, via the World Wide Web. Coining the phrase, "techno-pedia," their online presence created an accurate, technological introduction to the histories of those African-American women identified on the site. It created a medium to showcase the accomplishments of black women for exemplary achievements within their churches, occupations, organizations and their families.

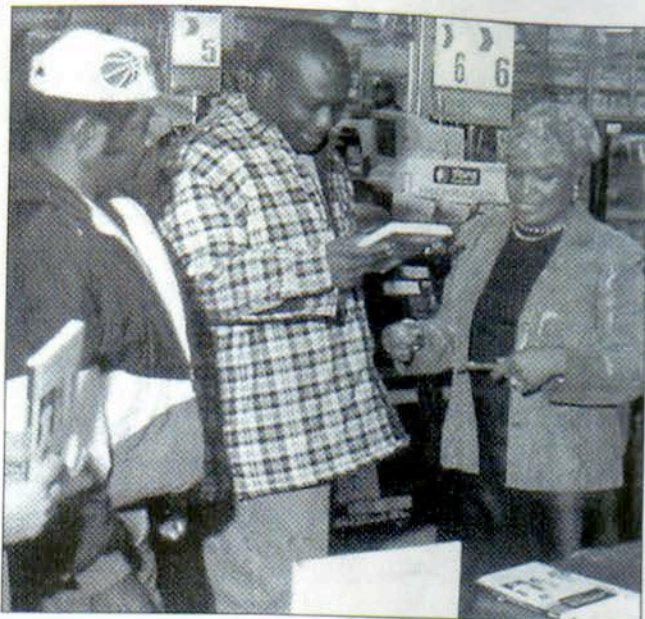
For the actual book series, the writers initially looked to African-American women who have been catalysts for change within the Buffalo, New York area. Doctors, lawyers and politicians rank with local entrepreneurs, club women and church and community builders, as major contributors to the overall economic and social fabric of the black community.

"Women who are hairdressers are businesswomen. We don't think of them as such, but they have developed these small businesses in our community and have done it through this medium. And where would we be without our hairdressers?" Nevergold muses. Nominees often echo the majority's sentiment: What have I done that is so important? Brooks-Bertram and Nevergold's efforts condemn this school of thought.

"The fact that (the hairdresser) has built a business for over 30 years and provided a service for that period of time, is an accomplishment," adds Nevergold. "Do you know how difficult it is to survive for three years, yet alone 30? This book allows us to talk about those kinds of things."

They have, in fact, become "the talk" outside of the Buffalo community. A partnership with Tops Friendly Markets supported a book signing in the nearby city of Rochester, New





Some young men who came out to support the book signing at Tops Markets during the WDKX live broadcast are pictured getting their books autographed by Dr. Peggy Brooks Bertram.

York. The authors were impressed, not only by the support of the inhabitants, but also of the local urban radio station, 104 WDKX. Black-owned and locally-owned, "DKX" has always been an advocate of the entrepreneur.

"It was gratifying to be involved in such a worthwhile project," states Andre Marcel, program director. So affected by the importance of the book, he was compelled to authorize a live remote broadcast of the book signing and implore city residents to support the initiative. "I was impressed by the young men who came out and supported the Uncrowned Queens." According to Marcel, many bought books for themselves, their sisters and their mothers.

"This (initiative) gives our community the opportunity to laud those who have been beacons of light and influence," continues Nevergold, "both up front and behind the scenes."

No stranger to historic documentation, she and her siblings compiled *Seals Ebony Studio: A Family Scrapbook* and its audio complement, to showcase her father's life-

time photographic works that document Buffalo's black history. Like her father's time capsule, *Uncrowned Queens* "offers a glimpse into the world of black Americans that is often ignored, unknown or misunderstood," she states.

As the *Uncrowned Queens* project continues to develop and focus on African-American women across the country, they want to continue to enlighten other communities with their project, book series and various curriculum guides currently under development.

"We want the stories to speak to young people and say, 'Look at your historymakers!' We want our youth to look at those in the community who are making history," she adds. "Our site (and book) will give people information and ideas on how to talk with youth about making their own mark ... even when someone else does not see it as a possibility."

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Also, in keeping with its mission to gather biographical histories of black women from communities throughout the state of New York, the UQ Institute seeks photos, newspaper articles, organizational reports/publications, letters or other materials related to any of the *Uncrowned Queens*. This material will be helpful in expanding and updating biographies. Please send this information to the attention of Barbara Nevergold, UQ Institute, 984 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14216.



Through the work of this minister, musician, factory worker, family man and photographer, Rev. Seals captured a pictorial history of Buffalo.



Seals Ebony Studio: A Family Scrapbook

Buffalo's African American Community 1940-1950

The photography of
Reverend Willie B. Seals
(1910 - 1995)

Photographer

You step the world with a
blend of your well-panned eye.
We haven't known of lighting
mixing studios have that.

Your lens, raised to eleven and
mold a thousand plus faces
with silent, almost sure expressions
filled with such delicate grace.

The gliding butter of youth-erms
in the face of a child
plump, round cheeks, big brown
eyes and an innocent smile.

The faded face of the aged
with time-grown care and sorrow
from the length of their days
and all the things that they've seen.

You captured the shutter and
suspended an aspect of their
frozen moments, forging links
in the chain of mankind.

Things fall down and come
to earth, never to rise
without your artistic efforts
they would have seemed like a dream.

by Gail Seals

Oklahoma, Here We Come

After two years of intensive work, the Oklahoma Centennial Commission designated the *Uncrowned Queens* project as an official Oklahoma Centennial Commemoration project. *Uncrowned Queens* has teamed with the Oklahoma Historical Society and Oklahoma City Urban League to accomplish this vital project.

Officially entitled - *Uncrowned Queens: Oklahoma's African American Women Community Builders 1907-2007, A Century of Accomplishment* - this multifaceted centennial project is designed to celebrate a century of achievement and community service by African American women. The scope of this project is far reaching, as it will bring recognition to African American women throughout Oklahoma who have contributed to their communities and the state. According to J. Blake Wade, Executive Director, Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission, "...this project will reach out to communities of all sizes and will create archives that will be invaluable to students, scholars, and the public."

Barbara A. Nevergold

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Subject: Uncrowned Queens July Newsletter

Welcome to the JULY 2003 edition of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. newsletter. As a reminder, the deadline for receipt of Papers for the third annual Uncrowned Queens Institute Conference is August 30, 2003. More information about this event and what is required for presentations is detailed below.

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African American women's individual and collective histories offer a testament to the manner by which these women have led lives that exemplify:

- Power to effect change that impacts not only their own, but also the lives of countless others;
- Passion that enables them to confront all challenges and to persevere in the face of obstacles;
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Welcome to the SEPTEMBER 2003 edition of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. newsletter. This month, we feature information on Eddie Faye Gates who is the scheduled guest speaker for the third annual Uncrowned Queens conference in November.

The summer months have been busy ones for the Uncrowned Queens Institute. We did not publish an AUGUST 2003 newsletter because we have been hard at work on Volume II of the book series, Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York. The book will be available for purchase at the conference.

===== NOVEMBER 2003 CONFERENCE =====

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. is proud to announce that Eddie Faye Gates of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the keynote speaker at our upcoming conference, November 8th. Ms Gates also will be awarded the Uncrowned Queens outstanding achievement plaque and certificate for her history making work on the Tulsa Riot of 1921. Ms. Gates' contribution to the reclamation and rescue of the history of the Tulsa Riot through the preservation of the memories of African American survivors of that event is truly ground breaking. Her work speaks for many who have been silenced and her continuing work on reparations for the survivors is momentous for the history of the application of the law for African American survivors of major racial injustices. We applaud her work.

In addition to speaking at the conference, Ms. Gates also will be the guest lecturer at the State university of New York, University at Buffalo Law School, as well as Departments of African American Studies and Women's Studies. The full conference proceedings and registration materials will be available at the end of September. The conference registration fee is \$25.00.

===== AUTHOR CONNIE PORTER TO BE NAMED AN UNCROWNED QUEEN =====

Connie Porter, a native of Lackawanna, New York, has received critical acclaim for her writing. She is the author of All Bright Court, a semi-autobiographical novel about life in the housing development of the same name in Lackawanna. She also wrote Imani All Mine, as well as the Addie books in the American Girls series. She will be coming as part of Gender Week's celebration, September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th at the University at Buffalo. The pivotal event of her visit is a talk/ reading on Tuesday,

September 23rd, from 7-8:30 P.M. in Baird 250. Ms. Porter will be presented with an Uncrowned Queen certificate during this program.

===== KUDOS TO UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins has recently authored, *Sources of Stress and Relief for African American Women*, released by Greenwood Publishers (2003). Dr. Collins' book illustrates how stress plays a role in many of the most common diseases that plague African American women, including heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Dr. Collins' book presents the sources of stress in the home, community, and workplace. Dr. Collins also shows how African American women's health is impacted by the subtle, daily stressors of racism and sexism. Dr. Collins' work is cited in the September issue of *Essence Magazine* by columnist Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby-Grant. Dr. Collins is planning several local book signings.

Dr. Alice Holloway Young was honored by Monroe Community College. The College has named a three building residence hall complex, located on its campus in Rochester, New York, the Alice Holloway Young Commons. Dr. Young is the Trustee Chair Emeritus of the College. She chaired the Board of Trustees for nearly 20 years and has continued her active involvement in her years as an honorary trustee.

===== UPCOMING EVENTS =====

SEPTEMBER 20: the first workshop on Family History Research will be held. This workshop series is a continuation of the workshop for teens that was initiated at last year's Annual Conference. The venue has been changed in order to give the youngsters more hands-on experience in interviewing and using family history research strategies with members of their own families. Uncrowned Queens has joined with Xi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Leadership Development Institute to offer three workshops for teens who are participants in the Institute. Approximately 30 teens have registered for the Institute, to date. Uncrowned Queens Institute extends its appreciation to the Afro-American Historical Society of the Niagara Frontier, Inc. for making this workshop series possible. The Historical Society has provided funding for workshop materials, including tapes, tape recorders and batteries for each of the participants. The outcome of these workshops will be shared with you at a later date. Dr. Barbara A. Seals Nevergold is the workshop facilitator.

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Books: [by Authors](#): Drs. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Barbara Seals Nevergold

[Uncrowned Queens](#)

Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram (pictured left) is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. She received her first doctorate from The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. She received a second doctorate in American Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Bertram is the founder and CEO of Jehudi Educational Services, an independent consulting firm specializing in K-12 curriculum development, staff development, training, and conference and seminar planning. She is a specialist in grant writing and proposal development in health care, history, education, and environmental health.

Dr. Bertram is an independent scholar in African American women's history, and is a well-known lecturer and only known authority on the life and writings of Drusilla Dunjee Houston. She authored numerous editorials from 1989-1995 on the Buffalo Board of Education and other topics for *The Buffalo Challenger* newspaper. In addition, she is Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University at Buffalo.

She has authored several book chapters in health, specifically depression, including "Social and Psychological Aspects of Women's Health: A Diversified Perspective" in *Psychiatric Issues in Women* (U. Halbreich, Editor, 1997); and "African American Women: Disfigured Images in the Epidemiology of Depression" in *African American Women and Health* (Catherine F. Collins, Editor, 1997). Her publications on ancient African history include "The Sixth Napatan Dynasty of Kush," in *Journal of African Civilizations* (1994). She also is the author of five unpublished children's books in the *Africa on My Stairs* series and numerous other poems and essays on ancient Africa.

A native of Louisiana, **Dr. Barbara A. Seals Nevergold** (pictured right) moved to Buffalo, New York with her family in 1947. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree in French Education at the State University College at Buffalo and has two Master's degrees; one in French Education and one in Counseling Education from the University at Buffalo. In addition, she earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree at UB in Counseling Education. She has studied in Quebec, Canada at Laval University and in France at the University of Dijon.

She has been employed by several organizations that have served the interests of women, children, and families. Currently, she is the Director of Student Support Services at the University at Buffalo's Educational Opportunity Center. She also is an instructor at Empire State College where she teaches courses in Domestic Violence, Counseling, Marriage and Family, Human Sexuality, Cultural Diversity, Child Welfare, and Human Service Delivery Systems.

Dr. Nevergold has authored several published articles including "Fantastic Color and Special Effects: The Seals Ebony Studio" in the Spring 2002 edition of *Western New York Heritage Magazine*; "To Be an Instrument for Their Voices: Finding, Writing, and Sharing Family Histories in Afro-Americans" in *New York Life and History* (Volume 25, Number 2, July 2001); and "Transracial Adoption: In the Child's Best Interest?" in *African American Women's Health and Social Issues*, Catherine F. Collins, Editor.

Individually, Drs. Bertram and Nevergold have received numerous community service and educational awards. Their joint honors for the Uncrowned Queens Project include the *William Wells Brown Award* from the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier for their efforts to chronicle and preserve local African American history. The University at Buffalo honored them with both the *UB Star Award* (2001) for outstanding work on the Pan- American Exposition Centennial celebration and the *Service Excellence Award* (2002) in recognition of their work to "advance the basic mission of University Services." Drs. Bertram and Nevergold also are the recipients of the *Excellence in Education Award* from Xi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; the *President's Award for Community Service* from the Mary B. Talbert Civic and Cultural Club; and the *2002 Community Service Award* from the Buffalo Urban League. Further, the Uncrowned Queens Project was honored by the City of Buffalo and Erie County Legislature with proclamations declaring February 15, 2001, as *Uncrowned Queens Day*.

Drs. Nevergold and Bertram have co-authored *African, Darkies and Negroes: Black Faces at the Pan American Exposition of 1901* (in press), a book on the history of African and African American involvement in the Pan American Exposition of 1901. Their goal with the Uncrowned Queens Project is to export the model nation-wide to build a network of Uncrowned Queens.



Author at work

CHARLES LEWIS/Buffalo News

Connie Porter, Lackawanna-born author of the Addy Walker series and other children's books, checks her notes before speaking to 100 fifth- and sixth-grade girls at the University at Buffalo North Campus. On the table is a doll of Addy, an African-American girl growing up during the Civil War. Porter was honored this week by the Uncrowned Queens: African-American Community Builders of Western New York.

Barbara A. Nevergold

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Welcome to the OCTOBER 2003 edition of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. newsletter.

This issue is full of exciting news. We are pleased to report that registrations are now being accepted for the forthcoming Uncrowned Queens conference that will take place on November 8 at the Buffalo/Niagara Marriott in Amherst. In addition, Volume II of Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York is now published and will be available at the conference.

===== REGISTER NOW FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE =====

THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Embracing African American Women
of Power, Passion, and Purpose

REGISTER ON-LINE AT [HTTP://WINGS.BUFFALO.EDU/UNCROWNEDQUEENS](http://WINGS.BUFFALO.EDU/UNCROWNEDQUEENS) OR
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YOUR REGISTRATION FEE OF \$25.00 INCLUDES ALL
WEEKEND ACTIVITIES AND LUNCH ON CONFERENCE DAY.

===== CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS =====

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE
1020 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY

Reception and Book Signing featuring author's
Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram
Uncrowned Queens: African American Women
Community Builders of Western New York, Volume II
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
THIRD ANNUAL UNCROWNED QUEENS CONFERENCE
Buffalo/Niagara Marriott, Millersport Highway, Amherst, NY

Featured Speaker: Eddie Faye Gates, Author, Oral Historian, and Lecturer
Keynote Address * Plenary Sessions * Workshops * Culture Keeper Awards

8:00-3:30 p.m.

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Make checks payable to the Uncrowned Queens Institute.

Your Registration Fee of \$25.00 includes all weekend activities and lunch on conference day.

Forward your registration fee to:

Uncrowned Queens Institute
Attn: Barbara Seals Nevergold
984 Parkside Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14216

===== CONFERENCE OVERVIEW =====

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. is proud to announce that Eddie Faye Gates of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be the keynote speaker at our upcoming conference, November 8th. Ms Gates also will be awarded the Uncrowned Queens outstanding achievement plaque and certificate for her history making work on the Tulsa Riot of 1921. Ms. Gates' contribution to the reclamation and rescue of the history of the Tulsa Riot through the preservation of the memories of African American survivors of that event is truly ground breaking. Her work speaks for many who have been silenced and her continuing work on reparations for the survivors is momentous for the history of the application of the law for African American survivors of major racial injustices. We applaud her work.

In addition to speaking at the conference, Ms. Gates also will be the guest lecturer at the State university of New York, University at Buffalo Law School, as well as Departments of African American Studies and Women's Studies.

===== GET YOUR COPY OF VOLUME II =====

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her recount of Parker's contributions to history in her poem, "A Negro In It."

For information on how to obtain a copy of the book, please contact the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com or call Barbara Nevergold at 834-7302. The cost of the book is \$13.95 plus tax and shipping.

===== FRIENDS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS NATIONAL PARK =====

The Buffalo/Niagara Chapter of the Friends of the Women's Rights National Park will hold a membership brunch on October 25 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the TR Site on Delaware Avenue.

The guest speaker will be Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, Superintendent of the Women's Rights National Park Josie Fernandez, and Nan Johnson.

This EVENT IS FREE and open to all women in Western NY. For more information please contact Joan Bozer at 716-881-1639.

===== UPCOMING EVENTS =====

NOVEMBER 7-8: Third Annual Uncrowned Queens Institute Conference: Embracing African American Women of Power, Passion, and Purpose.

===== NEW UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

We are pleased to announce that a biography for Aprille Joy Ericsson has been added to the Uncrowned Queens Web site.

===== NOMINATE AN UNCROWNED QUEEN =====

We continue to accept nominations for Uncrowned Queens. The mission is to recognize and honor these "unsung" royalties and to preserve the history of these women and their contributions to our community. Success is measured by the numerous requests received from students, all over the world, who are using the site for historical, cultural and sociological research. You can assist in this important work by spreading the word about Uncrowned Queens; submit a nomination for an Uncrowned Queen.

Nomination forms and information are available on the Web site at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>. You may also contact Peggy Brooks Bertram or Barbara Seals Nevergold at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com.

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Tubman home of our ancestor, to help keep her Legacy and vision alive. The Committee also wanted to expand the mission and purpose of ASCAC through out New York and Canada.

Harriet Tubman Memorial Library Project

We envision the renovated Library becoming the unquestioned authority and resource for authentic archival items and historical documents of Harriet Tubman. An intended outcome is that the library would motivate potential advance degree candidates to concentrate on adding their contributions to the store of knowledge about the period surrounding Harriet Tubman's life.

We envision a state-of-the-art library with computer networked to libraries all over the world to share and acquire information on the history of African people, the Underground Railroad, African Americans in New York State, and most importantly, the history of Harriet Tubman, her family, friends and her community.

Goals of Retreat Committee Project

1. Help to create a Research and Retreat Center at the Harriet Tubman Home
2. Develop training workshops and classes in teaching a curriculum of African History Worldview
3. Develop a youth institute especially for students at colleges in the area such as Cayuga Community College, Cornell University, Ithaca College, and Syracuse University.
4. Develop classes for high school and elementary students to provide a forum for the Youth Institute participants to teach what they have learned.
5. Promote the establishment of study groups as defined by the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC)
6. Promote ASCAC purpose: to provide a body of knowledge that continuously contributes to the rescue, reconstruction, and restoration of African history and culture.

HARRIET TUBMAN RETREAT JULY 16 & 17, 2004
Harriet Tubman Retreat Center, 180 South Street, Auburn, NY

===== UPCOMING EVENTS =====

June 4: 26th Annual Leader Luncheon sponsored by the YWCA of Western New York. Uncrowned Queens Co-founder Barbara Seals Nevergold is a 2004 Leader Luncheon Nominee. Buffalo Convention Center, 12:00 noon.

JUNE 5: "Tradition Keepers: Black Storytellers of Western New York," will present Buffalo's very first "storytelling crawl." Tickets are being sold for \$10. Seating is limited. For more information, contact Karima Amin at 834-8438 or Sharon Holley at 886-1399.

June 12: Uncrowned Queens Presentation at the Montgomery Senior Citizen Center, Rochester, New York.

JULY 16-17: Harriet Tubman Retreat. Harriet Tubman Retreat Center, 180 South Street, Auburn, NY.

===== NEW UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Theresa Greene Reed has been added to the Uncrowned Queens Web site. Dr. Reed is related to three other Uncrowned Queens: Mrs. Bettie Spencer Anderson, her grandmother; Mrs. Theresa Greene Evans, her mother; and Ms. Gwendolyn Greene, her sister.

===== NOMINATE AN UNCROWNED QUEEN =====

The Uncrowned Queen Institute continues to seek the biographies of women, with connections to Western New York for the website. Our "techno-pedia" continues to expand but we know that there are many more biographies that have not yet been submitted for inclusion in this ground-breaking history project. Biographies can be submitted to us at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com or write the Uncrowned Queens Institute at 984 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14216.

Nomination forms and information are available on the Web site at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>. You may also contact Peggy Brooks Bertram or Barbara Seals Nevergold at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com.

County Social Services; Frances K. Hall, the first Black trained librarian in the City of Buffalo; Catherine Fisher Collins, the first African American nurse practitioner to graduate from the University at Buffalo's School of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner program; and many others.

"We thank this awesome com-

munity of women for the privilege of reading and documenting these stories," stated Dr. Bertram and Dr. Nevergold. "This volume should not be considered a conclusion but rather is a signal that we continue to seek additional biographical sketches of women yet to receive their crowns."

The Uncrowned Queens Insti-

tute was established in 1999 by co-founders Drs. Brooks-Bertram and Nevergold. It has compiled a portion of the local history of Buffalo's African American community that to date, has only received scant attention. The founders envisioned the organization as a vehicle to acknowledge and honor the accomplishments and contributions of modern-day Black women in WNY including those who lived in the era of the Pan American Exposition and beyond. More than 200 people attended the book launch at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. Some of these guests include present-day Uncrowned Queens who are featured in the book.

Drs. Brooks-Bertram and Nevergold have appeared on numerous radio and television programs and have been interviewed for many newspaper and magazine articles. They have each authored papers on the Pan American Exposition of 1901 and are currently working together on *Africans, Darkies and Negroes: Black Faces at the Pan American Exposition, Buffalo, New York 1901*. The book is tentatively scheduled for release in 2003.

The launch of the Institute started out with only a Web site, <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>, but since has evolved into an organization that produces programs, discussions and workshops for schools, universities, and churches about the achievements of African American women in WNY.

In addition to the newly published book and previous Web site launch, the Uncrowned Queens Institute will hold its Second Annual Conference, "Commemorating Our Past, Preserving Our Present, Sustaining Our Future," November 15-16 at Buffalo State College. Dr. Christopher Reed, author of *All the World's Here: The African Presence in White City*, will open the conference with a discussion of the African American involvement in the Columbian World's Fair of 1893. Workshop presentations will address local preservation efforts and will explore the unique contributions of African American women and men to their community.

Volume 1 of *Uncrowned Queens: African-American Women Community Builders of Western New York* may be purchased from the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. located at 984 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216. Call 716-834-7302 for more information or e-mail them at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com.

For more information contact Barbara Seals Nevergold at 849-6727, ext. 159.

Visit the Uncrowned Queens Web site at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>.

Uncrowned Queens launches first book in series recognizing African American women who helped shape WNY community

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. has unveiled the first in a series of books that documents African American women from Western New York who have played key roles in the growth and development of Buffalo and its suburbs since the Pan American Exposition of 1901 to present day.

Uncrowned Queens: African-American Women Community Builders of Western New York is written by historians Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold. It features the biographies and photographs of 100 extraordinary women who have lived their lives by striving to make the WNY community a better place to live, who have helped the community to evolve. These crowning achievers come from a myriad of educational, economic, religious, and social backgrounds.

The book contains an extensive introduction by Drs. Bertram and Nevergold about African American involvement in the Pan American Exhibition of 1901.

Women such as Mary B. Talbert and Susan Evans, founding members of the Phyllis Wheatley Club of Colored Women and women in the forefront of protests against the Pan American Exhibition in its treatment of Blacks, are also featured in Volume I. The book



includes the biographies of many women who were the "first" Blacks to achieve success in their field. These women include Eva Noles, the first Black nurse to train in Buffalo; Edith Robinson, the first Black female Assistant Deputy Commissioner - Erie

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"Embracing African Women" is Theme of Uncrowned Queens Conference

The Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. is holding its Third Annual Conference, "Embracing African American Women of Power, Purpose and Passion" on November 7 and 8.

On Friday, November 7, at 6 p.m. at the Buffalo Museum of Science, there will be a book signing for Volume II, *Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York*. A one half day conference will be held Saturday, November 8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Buffalo/Niagara Marriott on Millersport where the keynote address will be delivered by Eddie Faye Gates, author and

oral historian. Ms. Gates was a member of the Tulsa Race Riot Commission and was instrumental in initiating a lawsuit calling for reparations for the survivors and descendants of the 1921 tragedy. Bruce Fisher, Curator of the African American Museum of the Oklahoma Historical Society will also be a guest speaker. The conference will feature two posters identify-

ing the survivors of the riots. Conference participants will be asked to sign the posters to salute the remaining survivors of the riots. The posters will be framed and sent to the African American Museum in Oklahoma and the Greenwood Cultural Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The overall theme of the conference is recognition of the acceptance of the Uncrowned Queens Project for replication in the State of Oklahoma. In February 2003, Drs. Bertram and Nevergold were informed that the Uncrowned Queens Project had been selected by the Oklahoma Centennial Committee to be on the Master Plan of the 2007 Centen-

nial Celebration of the Statehood of Oklahoma. It is the only project of its kind and the only out-of-state project to be included in the 2007 Centennial.

To facilitate the replication process, the Uncrowned Queens Institute has formed a partnership with the Oklahoma Centennial Commission, the Urban League of Central Oklahoma; the Tulsa Race Riot Commission members, the Oklahoma Historical Society and Langston University which will host the Uncrowned Queens web page for Oklahoma women. Private individuals who will be assisting in the research for the first book on Oklahoma Uncrowned Queens are Mel Chapman of Lincoln County and Eddie Faye Gates of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Participants are encouraged to register by email at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>, by telephone at 832-7928 or 834-7302; at the Friday reception or at the conference. Those registering by email should make a check for \$25 payable to the Uncrowned Queens Institute and send to Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold at 984 Parkside, Buffalo, New York 14216. We look forward to seeing you on this momentous occasion.



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UNCROWNED QUEENS

Conference to discuss black history

By JANICE L. HABUDA

News Staff Reporter

An Oklahoman whose research on the 1921 Tulsa race riot has become part of a claim for reparations will speak this weekend before an organization dedicated to uncovering and preserving local African-American history.

The third annual conference of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women opens tonight in the Buffalo Museum of Science. A book signing of the second volume of "Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders of Western New York," featuring biographies of 100 women, is among the activities.

"Empowering African-American Women of Power, Passion and Purpose" is the title of this year's conference, which continues Saturday in the Buffalo/Niagara Marriott in Amherst with a number of workshops. More than 200 people are expected to attend.

Registration will be held beginning at 6 p.m. tonight at the science museum and also may be done on the organization's Website (wings.buffalo.edu/uncrowned-queens). The \$25 fee includes all programs and lunch on Saturday.

The Uncrowned Queens Project, conceived in 1999 by co-founders Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram, initially was a focus group for the Pan American Exposition centennial. Its name comes from a 1917 poem, "America's Uncrowned Queens," by Oklahoman Drusilla Dunjee Houston.

While the project was envisioned to honor local black women, beginning with the Pan American Exposition era, it has evolved into a non-profit organization dedicated to historical preservation and education.

Keynote speaker Eddie Faye Gates, chairwoman of the Survivors Committee of the 1921 Tulsa Race Riots Commission, is scheduled to deliver her address at 9:15 a.m. Saturday. A retired high school history teacher and scholar, she has written two books: her cultural autobiography "Miz Lucy's Cookies: And Other Links in My Black Family Support System," and "They Came Searching: How Blacks Sought the Promised Land in Tulsa."

Of her work on the commission, Gates said in a telephone interview: "To me, this is the greatest thing I have ever done. I feel it was God at work."

The riot left 35 blocks of Tulsa's black community — including a business district known as the "Black Wall Street" — burned to the ground and perhaps hundreds of blacks dead. It reportedly was touched off by a white female elevator operator's claims she was accosted by a black male passenger.


Gates is among the women to be featured in the upcoming "Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Oklahoma, 1907-2007." The Oklahoma Centennial Commission is replicating the Buffalo project for its centennial celebration.

"Our intent is to replicate the model in other communities," said Uncrowned Queens co-founder Nevergold. Referring to the Oklahoma project, she said, "We actually have started to do that work."

Bruce T. Fisher, curator of cultural diversity at the Oklahoma Historical Society, is among the workshop speakers at this weekend's conference. Additional speakers include local educator Kush K. Bhardwaj, regarded as an expert in hip-hop culture; and Jennifer J. Parker, president and co-founder of the Buffalo-based Black Capital Network.

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*Uncrowned Queens Institute
for Research and Education on Women, Inc.*



**Embracing African American Women
of Power, Passion, and Purpose**

November 8, 2003

Uncrowned Queens arrange conference

Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women Inc., will have its third annual conference, "Embracing African-American Women of Power, Purpose and Passion," Friday and Saturday and will feature the replication process of the institute's Uncrowned Queens Project for the 2007 centennial celebration of the Statehood of Oklahoma.

At 6 p.m. in Buffalo Museum of Science, Barbara Seals Nevergold and Peggy Brooks-Bertram, authors of "Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York," Volume II, will have a book signing.

Eddie Faye Gates of Tulsa, Okla., author, historian and a member of the Tulsa Race Riot Commission who was instrumental in initiating a lawsuit for reparations for survivors and descendants of the 1921 riots, will speak at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in Buffalo Niagara Marriott. Bruce Fisher, curator of African American Museum of the Oklahoma Historical Society, also will speak. Posters identifying survivors of the riots will be signed by conference participants and will be sent to the African American Museum in Oklahoma and Greenwood Cultural Center, Tulsa, Okla.

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The Buffalo Niagara Marriott Millersport Highway and Flint Road, was the venue for two outstanding conferences. November 1st, The Black Capital Network presented their "Economic Empowerment Conference 2003. themed: "A Conference that emphasizes the importance of economic development, financial literacy and self-empowerment."

Former Buffalonian Simon Bailey served as the keynote speaker. Mr. Bailey is the Chief Officer and Founder of th Human

Development Company, based in Orlando, Florida and is the author of "Simon Says Dream-Live A Passionate Life".

Pictured are: Jennifer Parker, second from left), and husband, Melvin Parker, right, Presidents of the Black Capital Network, posed with three of the workshop presentors. From left are: Dr. Melvin Gravely, II, Ph.D., founder of the Institute For Entrepreneurial Thinking, and author of five books; James Clingman is the founder and

former President of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber Of Commerce. The author of four books, he hosts a radio talk show and is the author of "Blackonmics, a newspaper column; and Brooke Stephens, a Certified Financial Planner, Stockbroker; Insurance Agent, a 20-year veteran of Wall Street, and Author.

Continued success to presenters and panelists; and hats off to the Black Capital Network.



November 8th, the Uncrowned Queens presented their Third Annual Conference entitled: "African American Women Community Builders Of Western New York". The Conference opened with a Book signing, "Uncrowned Queens Volumn II", which recognized 100 additional African American women from WNY on

November 7th.

Workshop, Culture Keeper Awards were a part of the Nov. 8th program that featured Historian and Author Eddie Faye Gates, as the keynote speaker.

The three lovely ladies shown

are: Dr. Peggy Brooks Bertram, Ph.D., left; and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold, Ph.D., right, of the Uncrowned Queens; and center, Jennifer Parker, of the Black Capital Network.

Hats off and much love ladies.

'A Night of Poetry 2' Set for Nov. 22th

El-D Productions presents "A Night Of Poetry 2" flavored with

El"; and Mr. Mack, "The Messenger". The Poetry Host will be "Dantean"

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CONFERENCE

Race riot has lessons for all, says historian

By PATRICK LAKAMP

News Staff Reporter

An Oklahoma historian and author who researched the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921 said keeping quiet about it for decades only hurt race relations in that city.

"At stake was clearing up the wound," Eddie Faye Gates said Saturday in a keynote address during the third annual conference of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, held in the Buffalo Niagara Marriott, Amherst.

"Tulsa hid it, but it was there," said Gates, chairwoman of the Survivors Committee for the state-appointed Riot Commission.

"We had bad race relations, always had police conflict and racial profiling," said Gates, one of six African-Americans on the 11-member commission. "This helps to clear all that up, to bring it to the surface to be healed. So I think we would have gone on with those things festering and getting worse. Now it's out in the open, it has been acknowledged and we can move on."

The riot left 35 blocks of Tulsa's black community in ruins, including a business district known as the "Black Wall Street." At least 300 blacks died, probably more, even though official accounts at the time reported a death toll of 36.

The riot reportedly was touched off by a white female elevator operator's unproven claim she was accosted by a black male passenger.

The commission worked for four years documenting the damage and finding out who was involved and culpable through government and insurance records, Ku Klux Klan membership lists and interviews with survivors.

The lessons from the riot and its aftermath can be applied beyond Tulsa, she said.

"What we can learn from this is, we've got to practice what we preach," Gates said.

"My litmus tests to any thought or action are two things," she said. "Number one, is it in keeping with your high spiritual ideals? And number two, is it in keeping with your highest secular ideals?"

"If people had really been practicing those 10 Commandments, the Beatitudes and the Golden Rule, they could never have excluded a certain group of people from their love," she said.

"I think that's a lesson we can learn, no matter where we live in the world," she said. "Treat all people the way you would be treated."

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Welcome to the DECEMBER 2003 edition of the Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc. newsletter.

November was a very busy month for the Institute. During this traditional month of Thanksgiving, the Uncrowned Queens has many reasons to give thanks as we conclude the third year of our existence.

===== CONFERENCE OVERVIEW =====

The Third Annual Conference, "Embracing African American Women of Power, Passion and Purpose" was held on November 7th and 8th. First, we'd like to thank all of the presenters whose knowledge, expertise and enthusiastic presentations made the workshops and plenary sessions exciting educational ventures. Ms. Eddie Faye Gates, Tulsa Race Riot Commission member and Mr. Bruce Fisher, Curator of Cultural Diversity /Oklahoma Historical Society whose participation provided an important and tangible link to Oklahoma cementing the groundwork establishing the Uncrowned Queens Project of Oklahoma in 2007.

We also thank the many volunteers whose assistance was critical in the success of our third conference: our Board of Directors, members of Alpha Beta Sigma Sorority, the numerous sponsors who donated cash as well as in-kind contributions, and certainly last, but not least, our conference participants.

A special acknowledgement is extended to our Culture Keepers. This is the second year that we have recognized several organizations/individuals who have been instrumental in the preservation of the cultural and historical assets of the African American community. The 2003 recipients were: Dr. Juanita Pitts, M.D., about... time Magazine, Ms. Eddie Faye Gates, and Professor Jesse and Mrs. Hortense Nash. We are thankful that we have such committed members of the community. A very special thanks goes out to Professor Nash. His impromptu history lesson, during the awards presentation, was humorous, enlightening and a priceless example of the reason why he received a Culture Keeper award.

===== UNCROWNED QUEENS VOLUME II =====

November was also the publication date for Volume 2 of Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders of Western New York. We owe a very special debt of thanks to the Buffalo Teachers Federation and its president, Phil Rumore whose generous support has made this publication possible.

Volume 2 features another one hundred women: hairdressers, performing artists, teachers, nurses and doctors, housing advocates, authors, ministers, artists, and community activists who have contributed to the rich fabric of the African American community. Volume 2 also features a new introduction, written by Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and a new Afterword, written by Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold. Professor Bill Grenier, the 13th President of the University at Buffalo, offers a strong endorsement of this volume.

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For information on how to obtain a copy of the book, please contact the *Uncrowned Queens Institute for Research and Education on Women, Inc.* at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com or call Barbara Nevergold at 834-7302. The cost of the book is \$13.95 plus tax & shipping.

===== UNCROWNED QUEENS TO PARTNER WITH STUDIO ARENA THEATER =====

Uncrowned Queens has developed a partnership with Studio Arena Theater to celebrate the theatre's production of *A Raisin in the Sun*, scheduled for a January 11 to February 8 run! Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold will be the featured speakers at two educational/community forums, tentatively set for January 26th and February 2nd at Studio Arena. Drs. Bertram and Nevergold will focus on the *Uncrowned Queens of Western New York* during the era of the play's timeframe. A title for the forum is in the works and we'll share it as soon as possible.

===== UNCROWNED QUEENS ON THE SHELF =====

Uncrowned Queens is pleased to acknowledge that the following libraries have a copy of *Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York*, Volume I on the shelf. Volume II will be available by early next year.

Library of Congress

Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Library
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Cornell University
Niagara Library System
Rochester Public Library
Saint Bonaventure University
University at Buffalo
Buffalo State College
Alfred State College
Union College

===== UPCOMING EVENTS =====

DECEMBER 3, 2003: 5:00 pm-8:00 pm - Shopstravaganza at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. Uncrowned Queens will have volumes 1 & 2 of Uncrowned Queens: African American Community Builders of Western New York. The Historical Society is located at 25 Nottingham Court at Elmwood Avenue

DECEMBER 13, 2003: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Buffalo and Erie County Public Library sponsors The Authors' Exchange, an opportunity to meet local authors, hear about their books and purchase copies. Central Library located on Washington and Court Streets in Buffalo.

December 13, 2003: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Uncrowned Queens Book signing at Walden Books, Walden Galleria Mall.

FEBRUARY 2, 2004: Uncrowned Queens at Studio Arena Theater. Matriarchs, Activists, and Community Leaders: The Uncrowned Queens who shaped WNY in the 1950s.

===== NEW UNCROWNED QUEENS =====

The Uncrowned Queens Institute is pleased to announce that the following women have been added to the Uncrowned Queens Web site (<http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>).

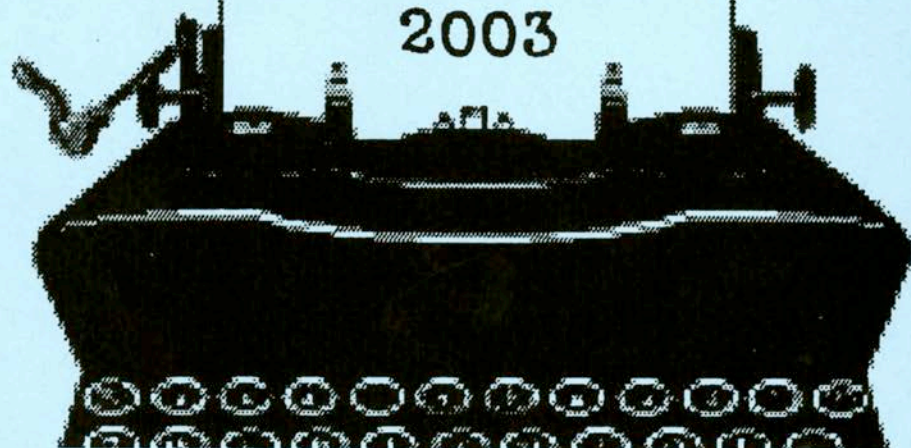
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===== NOMINATE AN UNCROWNED QUEEN =====

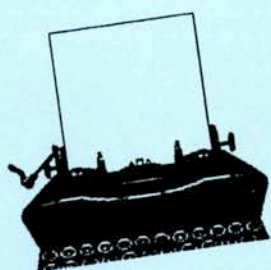
We continue to accept nominations for Uncrowned Queens. The mission is to recognize and honor these "unsung" royalties and to preserve the history of these women and their contributions to our community. Success is measured by the numerous requests received from students, all over the world, who are using the site for historical, cultural and sociological research. You can assist in this important work by spreading the word about Uncrowned Queens; submit a nomination for an Uncrowned Queen.

Nomination forms and information are available on the Web site at <http://wings.buffalo.edu/uncrownedqueens>. You may also contact Peggy Brooks Bertram or Barbara Seals Nevergold at uncrownedqueens@buffalo.com.

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Jennifer Tappenden

*The Writing Group Book: Creating and
Sustaining a Successful Writing Group*

Nancy Blumenstark Mingus

Buffalo: Good Neighbors, Great Architecture

Cynthia VanNess

Victorian Buffalo

Jack Edson

Hamburg, 1910-1970

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Bittersweet Decision

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Rebecca Cale Camhi

Still Lives

short stories

Gary Earl Ross

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Hauntings*

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Young Jesus: The Missing Years

R. Burrow

The Tree Outside the Window

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Unusual Destiny *Fr. 2/24.*

Edgar Hulse

Brother's Keeper

Ronald W. Adams

Lake Effect

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Additional authors include:

Joanne Schweik

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David Kowalczyk
Stealing the Sky

Eva Doyle
Eye on History

Sharon Green
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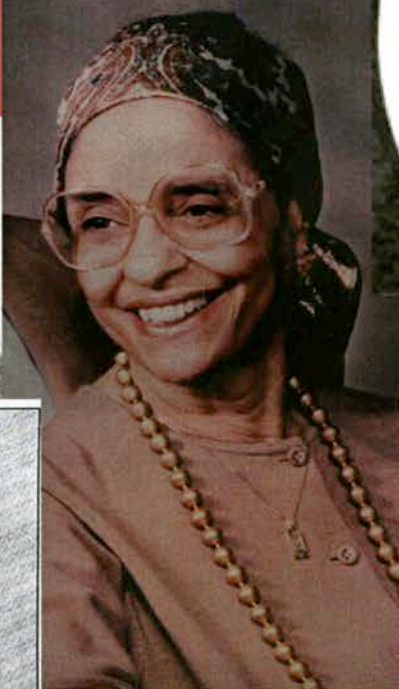
Bennett J. Palmer
The Hunter and the Hunted

Tony Monteleone
World in His Hands

*Thank you to all our
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Uncrowned Queens of Forest Lawn Cemetery

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